

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As indicated in Applicant's response dated November 6, 2009, Applicant elects the claims of Group II (claims 8-21) without traverse. In addition to the Response dated November 6, 2009, Applicants have amended claims 24, 26, 27, 31, 32, 34, 35, 38 and 39 to place the claims in a more preferred form. No new matter has been added.

All issues having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3153.

Respectfully submitted,

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